

In the Specification:

On page 7, immediately before the “Detailed Description of the Invention” section, please add the following text:

FIG. 9 is a side elevational view of one embodiment of a valve prosthesis with a closed ring shaped member.

On page 8, in the “Detailed Description of the Invention”, at line 43, please amend the text as follows:

~~Although not shown,~~ It should be understood that the curved member also can be in the form of a full, continuous or closed annuloplasty ring-as is shown in Figure 9.